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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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Sir:

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2003.

Claims 1-17 remain pending herein.

Claims 1-7 and 12-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,083,644 (Watanabe '644) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,350,544 (Takami '544) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,277,522 (Omaru '522).

The present invention is directed to a lithium secondary battery comprising an electrode unit and a non-aqueous electrolytic solution. The electrode unit comprises a positive electrode, a separator and a negative electrode. The positive and negative electrode used in making the battery would release 5000 ppm or less of water if they were heated at 25 to 200°C, and would release 1500 ppm or less of water if they were heated at 200 to 300°C.

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